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ABSTRACT

Public Services - Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary Proceedings instituted under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry conducted - A Penalty of withholding 20% pension permanently - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.III-2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.643 **Dated.20.08.2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the CDMA, AP, Hyd Lr.Roc. No. 10709/2010/C2,dt.02.08.2010 & 01.11.2010.
2. From the EnC(PH) Lr.Rc.No.5/Nellore/CS6/E3/2010, dt.15.12.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1512 MA & UD (Vig.II-2) Dept., dt.31.12.2010.
4. WSD of Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation, dt.Nil.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1666, MA & UD (Vig.II-2) Dept., dt.21.12.2011.
6. From the Inquiring Authority Lr.RoC.No.72/2012/A3, dt.11.04.2012.
7. Govt. Memo No.15193/Vig.II-2/2010-13, dt.31.05.2012.
8. Govt. Memo No.15193/Vig.II-2/2010, dt.14.03.2016.
9. Dated Acknowledgment, dt.29.04.2022 of Dr.N. Purushotham, former MHO (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation received from Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada in Lr.No.5739/VC.II B/2010,dt.24.08.2022.

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ORDER:

Based on the report of Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Hyderabad in the reference 1st read above and draft article of charges furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief (Public Health), AP in the reference 2nd read above, orders have been issued instituting the disciplinary proceedings against Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation by framing following article of charges under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities in Special Nutrition Food Programme in the Corporation vide reference 3rd read above:-

Charge No.1:

Sri Purushotham, Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore gave path to Sri M. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Executive Engineer & Municipal Health Officer (I/c) to misappropriate the Special Nutrition Programme implemented in Municipal Corporation, Nellore.

Charge No.2:

Sri Purushotham, Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore recommended the transport contract bill to a tune of Rs.16,800/- in the name of Sri Mannem Venkateswara Reddy, who was an unathorized by putting anti date as if 15.07.2015.

Charge No.3:

Sri Purushotham, Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore has failed to handover the records physicially to his successor.

Charge No.4:

Thus, Sri Purushotham, Municipal Health Officer, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore by his above mentioned act, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming a member of service and thereby violated rule 3(1) and (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defense duly requesting to drop further action in the matter. Having not convinced with the explanations of all charged officers. Government appointed an Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the all charged officers, vide reference 5th read above.

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3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer submitted inquiry report duly stating that out of (4) charges, (2) charges held proved and (1) charge partly held proved against Dr.N.Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation. While accepting findings of IA, has communicated the copy of the inquiry report to above charged officer vide reference 7th read above to offer his written representation in terms of Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Even after lapse of stipulated time, the charged officer has not submitted any written representation on the findings of Inquiring Authority.

4. Basing on the records available and after considering the matter, a show cause notice has been issued against Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation as to why the penalty of 20% pension cut permanently shall not be imposed against him under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 vide reference 8th read above. Even after lapse of 8 years, the charged officer has not submitted any written representation on the above show cause notice. The dated acknowledgment of the above charged officer on the show cause notice has been received through the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare vide reference 9th read above. Based on the material available with Government, the above proposed penalty was confirmed.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and records made available with Government, hereby impose a penalty of withholding of 20% cut in pension permanently against Sri Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation, in terms of Rule-9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as he had given scope to the then Dy.Executive Engineer for misappropriation in Special Nutrition Food Programme and recommended the transport contract bill to unauthoritzed contractor and failed to discharge his duties in conformity with rules.

6. The Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Vaddeswaram/Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

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Sri Dr.N. Purushotham, former Municipal Health Officer (Retd), Nellore Municipal Corporation **through** the DMA, AP, Vaddeswaram.
The Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Vaddeswaram.

Copy to:

The HM&FW (VC.II) Department, AP, Secretariat.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Gollapudi, AP, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation.
The PS to M (MA & UD).
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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SECTION OFFICER
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